Law Enforcement Division Bi-Weekly Field Report 9/3/13 – 9/16/13

DISTRICT 1

CO Denny Gast was patrolling on the small game opener with State Representative Scott Dianda riding along for the day. CO Gast started the day by locating a subject from a name and address left in a pile of trash on public land. The subject was ticketed and he agreed to clean up the mess. A short time later, CO Gast and Rep. Dianda observed a slow rolling vehicle coming toward them on a remote dirt road. Contact was made and two loaded and uncased shotguns were located next to the occupants. Only one of the subjects possessed a small game license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Trey Luce checked a vehicle on the small game opener and found the operator with a shotgun and ammo next to him on the seat. The operator did not have a small game license but admitted he was looking for grouse. The operator was ticketed for no license.

CO Jason Wicklund continued his investigation into the illegal killing of seven turkeys by a motor vehicle. CO Trey Luce used the information provided by a witness to locate the suspect, who admitted to striking the turkeys. A warrant request has been sent to the Iron County Prosecutor's office for review.

COs Jason Wicklund and Dave Painter were checking bear traps in the City of Iron River when CO Wicklund received a call about a possible drug deal a few blocks from their location. The COs responded and located two individuals who were positively identified by the complainant. A check of the individuals produced a stolen handgun as well as marijuana. Both individuals had extensive felony records, and one of the individuals had a felony warrant for his arrest from Wisconsin for a parole violation. Both subjects were lodged in the Iron County jail.

CO Brian Bacon contacted the operator of an ORV who was riding double in a closed area. After dealing with the initial violations, CO Bacon followed the ORV tracks to an illegal deer bait they had just put out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon set out a grouse decoy on the opening day of small game season. The decoy was out for less than five minutes when a vehicle stopped and the occupant attempted to shoot the decoy from the vehicle, but was stopped before firing. An investigation revealed the shooter didn't have a hunting license, had no hunter orange, and had a suspended driver's license.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy contacted a hunter sitting over an illegal bear bait. The bait contained plastic bags, buckets, peanut butter containers and other trash. The hunter failed to attach a name or address to the stand and used screw in tree

steps. During the contact the hunter was also carrying a concealed pistol without a concealed pistol license, and was not wearing hunter orange.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy were patrolling an abandoned railroad grade on ORVs and stopped along the grade. A vehicle pulled up next to the COs, and when contact was made with the driver, an uncased shotgun was observed on the front seat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a subject who was returning to a vehicle with an empty white corn bag. Investigation revealed the subjected just baited a deer stand and admitted he was getting a head start. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Grant Emery observed what appeared to be a subject road hunting on the opening day of small game season. When contact was made with the driver, an uncased shotgun was found on the seat. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mike Hammill received a report of several dead skunks in live traps near a residence. Upon investigating, CO Hammill found there were numerous deceased animals in live traps set around a residence. CO Hammill discovered that the owner of the property lives in Illinois and set the traps nearly three weeks ago. Upon contacting the landowner, CO Hammill pointed out the cruel and inhumane way to get rid of nuisance animals and ticketed the subject for the violation.

CO Mike Hammill was checking bear houndsmen during the second season bear opener. Upon contacting a group of hunters, the CO asked if all their weapons were unloaded. The hunters told CO Hammill that the guns were all unloaded. When the CO went to the vehicle he could see that the hunters had five rifles, all uncased, inside. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma conducted a check of several goose hunters during the early goose season. Upon contacting one group of hunters and completing the check, the CO found one hunter had a box of "lead" shot pheasant loads. The hunter had previously stated to CO Postma that he had hunted for several years prior and stated he was unaware of the lead shot in his possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma assisted local deputies and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) during a 911 call of a man unconscious and not breathing. The CO assisted in making sure the scene was safe then assisted EMS in opening an airway and providing rescue breathing. It was determined that the man had been provided methadone, and he was taken to the hospital for further treatment. CO Postma then assisted deputies in interviewing a suspect. The man is expected to make a full recovery.

CO Jeff Panich was patrolling early in the morning in dense fog when he observed a large amount of black smoke visible near a residence. The CO pulled into the driveway and observed a man with a tractor frantically pushing piles of burning lumber away from nearby trees. Upon contact, the subject stated he was burning down an old garage behind his house. The owner then stated to the CO he started the fire early in the morning and in the fog in hopes that no one would catch him burning the building. The CO assisted in controlling the dying fire and notified dispatch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Evink was working with a local US Forest Service (USFS) Law Enforcement Officer when they came upon a vehicle with a marijuana pipe on the seat. They were able to track down the owner of the vehicle, who advised he had a medical marijuana card, but didn't have it on him at that time. The officers followed the subject back to his residence where he did produce the medical marijuana card. While at the residence, the officers observed what appeared to be a short barreled shotgun on a window sill. After leaving the residence, they contacted the local drug enforcement team and found that the subject had a felony record. The drug team then investigated and found close to twenty other firearms at the residence.

CO Mike Evink returned a call to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) caller who reported a large bait pile of corn. The caller reported the bait being located in the corner of a large corn field near Steuben. Knowing there are no large corn fields near Steuben CO Evink asked several questions and after five or 10 minutes was able to determine that the caller was referring to Steuben County, Indiana. The caller had found a DNR phone number on the internet and called the Michigan DNR. CO Evink explained that he would not be able to respond since he was near Steuben in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

While on marine patrol on Little Bay DeNoc, COs John Wenzel and Jared Ferguson observed an ORV being operated on the shoreline near the mouth of the Escanaba River. CO Ferguson was dropped off on the shore and CO Wenzel returned to the marina and loaded the boat. CO Wenzel returned to the area by truck and made contact with the suspect involved. A ticket was issued for operating in a prohibited area. A warning was given for operating on a roadway and no helmet. The COs left that area and soon after contacted two more ORV operators without ORV licenses and no helmets. Tickets were issued along with several warnings.

DISTRICT 3

CO Duane Budreau reports the suspect he investigated for taking a trophy buck out of season (at night with a center fire rifle during muzzleloader season and over an illegal bait pile) was convicted and is awaiting sentencing.

CO Eric Bottorff checked several anglers, inquiring into their success. The subjects stated they hadn't caught a thing – until the CO looked into their bucket and found a six inch largemouth bass. Their excuse that they were only keeping it for their aquarium. It

prevent a ticket being issued for possession of an undersized bass, and the fish being returned to the water.

CO Steve Speigl, while checking Jordan River access sites, pulled into a fight in progress which resulted from a disagreement between canoeists. After the scene settled down, both parties decided they did not want to press charges. CO Speigl met with a local deputy a few miles away after leaving the scene to drop off paperwork when both officers were called back to the same access for another fight in progress. One of the combatants returned to the access site and re-kindled the fight, then fled the scene. After a short investigation all parties were located and interviewed. The investigation was turned over to the deputy for prosecution.

CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Joe Molnar were working the fall elk hunt and while checking a kill site located a second blood trail. The COs were able to follow the trail and located a second dead elk. The COs investigated the scene and requested the hunter and guide return to the scene. After a short investigation the guide admitted to shooting the elk for the hunter who did not feel comfortable doing so himself. Charges are being sought with the prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 4

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski received information concerning a possible illegal charter boat operating on the Manistee River. The COs were able to locate the vessel and watched from a distance. Upon the vessel leaving the area the COs checked and located several fresh salmon carcasses that had been dumped. The officers contact the suspect vessel and conducted a charter boat inspection that revealed several marine violations. Enforcement action was also taken on the illegal dumping of fish carcasses.

CO Brian Brosky was on foot patrol on the Pere Marquette River and was checking fishing vessels for marine safety equipment. CO Brosky issued two tickets for fishing vessels without personal flotation devices (PFDs). One of the operators was a guide on the river and had failed to provide his clients with life jackets.

CO Brian Brosky reported that two subjects he had arrested and lodged for snagging salmon and littering by cutting their lines after being instructed not to do so were convicted and ordered to pay fines and costs totaling over \$1,300.

CO Brian Lebel contacted occupants of a vessel displaying an expired registration. CO Lebel recognized the subject and the vessel as he had ticketed the same subject last year for failure to transfer the marine registration. The subject also had an outstanding arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells assisted the local deputies with a bank robbery complaint. CO Wells patrolled to the area and was able to follow tracks on a dirt road that led him to the

location of the bank robbery suspect's vehicle. The vehicle was secured and CO Wells assisted with the evidence recovery process.

CO Mike Wells received information that two subjects dumped salmon carcasses at a local lake access site. CO Wells received a valid plate but the registration information showed that the suspect lived downstate. CO Wells was patrolling the following week and located the suspect vehicle in Lake County. CO Wells was able to interview both subjects and was able to obtain admissions of dumping the salmon carcasses. CO Wells checked with the retail license sales system and was able to confirm that the subjects did not have fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs from three Districts assisted numerous other law enforcement personnel with a large marine event on the backwaters of the Muskegon River in Newaygo County. Estimates obtained from aerial photos placed the rafted boats at around 700. The event known as the "Hardy/Gras, Hot Boat Weekend" has steadily increased in attendance and associated alcohol influenced problems. The team of COs operated off five Great Lakes patrol boats issued over 30 tickets for a wide variety of marine safety violations.

COs Chuck Towns, Jeff Ginn and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers worked off one of the large patrol boats and issued tickets for operation exceeding slow, no-wake within 100 ft. of an anchored vessel, operate vessel with no navigation lights, fail to provide sufficient number of PFDs, and operate vessel with expired registration. The COs arrested one subject for minor in possession of alcohol (MIP). The COs also arrested an operator of a personal watercraft (PWC) for operating under the influence of alcohol. Both arrests resulted in the subjects being lodged in the Newaygo County Jail.

During a patrol at the recent Hardy Gras event, COs Chris Simpson, Greg Patten and Larn Strawn responded to two separate fighting complaints. One fight was broken up prior to their arrival while the second assault incident led to one subject being arrested and lodged by local deputies. In addition, the following incidents were also addressed: a boating accident report was taken where a vessel struck an anchored vessel, a PWC operator was issued a ticket for exceeding the slow, no-wake rule within 100 ft. of an anchored vessel, one individual was ticketed for MIP, and another boater was ticketed for boating under the influence. Each of the last two were transported to the Newaygo County Jail. Tickets were also issued for insufficient and no PFDs, as well as registration violations. Several verbal warnings were given with every ticket issued.

COs Steve Converse, Sam Koscinski and Carla Soper worked off the new SafeBoat and issued tickets for unregistered watercraft, bow-riding and failure to display navigation lights. During one of their marine stops after dark the officers heard splashing and voices screaming for help. The patrol boat's overhead spotlight was used to locate the subjects who had just capsized their canoe in a high traffic area during the event. The canoe, without displaying any navigation lights to allow for their location, had been capsized in 30 ft. of water. The occupants and their canoe were safely loaded onto the patrol boat. The occupants continued to thank the officers for saving their lives the entire ride back to their campground that was close to a mile away.

DISTRICT 5

CO Matt Liestenfeltz served a search warrant at a residence as part of an investigation of a subject taking and possessing protected migratory bird species. With the assistance of COs Mike Hearn, John Huspen, Chris Bowen, and Bobbi Lively, as well as TNT (Traverse City Narcotics Team), two bobcats, one river otter, and one barred owl were seized from the residence. In addition, TNT seized approximately five pounds of marijuana from the residence. Charges are pending.

CO Chuck McPherson assisted local deputies and the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a combative, highly intoxicated, suicidal subject who, while in custody, assaulted a deputy. CO McPherson and a MSP trooper gained control of the subject and affected the arrest. The subject was lodged and it was determined he had a blood alcohol level of .225. Charges are being sought.

CO Mike Hearn resolved an ongoing investigation involving a wildfire. The suspect, a Georgia resident, turned himself in on charges filed by the CO, and the case is being processed in court.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz solved an ongoing timber theft complaint in Missaukee County. After a lot of legwork, surveillance, and multiple interviews, two subjects are being charged with multiple violations, including cutting live standing trees on state land and selling wood cut off state land for commercial purposes.

DISTRICT 6

CO Joshua Wright was checking a pair of goose hunters when one of the hunters advised him that this was his first time out goose hunting and that he was not hunting, but just calling for his friend. CO Wright asked him if it was the first time he was goose hunting, how did he learn to blow a goose call? The hunter had a stumped look on his face. CO Wright advised him that before he made contact with them, he observed two shotguns. The non-hunter admitted that he was hunting and that they hidden the gun in a camper when they saw the CO. The hunter not only was hunting without a license but was also drinking. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Wright was checking the Saginaw Bay shoreline during the youth waterfowl season and encountered a person driving their ORV in a wetland, with a passenger, no helmets and uncased shotguns. The hunters were advised of the ORV laws and issued a ticket.

CO Seth Rhodea was working at the Fish Point waterfowl managed area when he contacted three hunters to check their licenses and other hunting equipment. Two of the three hunters were hunting the managed area without an annual use permit and also had more than the 25 round limit of ammo per hunter, with one hunter possessing three times the legal limit for ammo possession in the managed area. Tickets and warnings were issued.

While checking waterfowl blinds around the islands located off the west side of Huron County, CO Bob Hobkirk observed a pontoon boat headed toward the access site. By the time the CO was able to make it to the access site, the pontoon boat was parked and no one was around. There was no registration sticker displayed on the boat and a check of the registration showed that it had expired in 2011. After a few minutes, the owner of the vessel returned and stated that he had purchased the boat earlier in the summer but had not registered it. He also admitted to operating the boat with no PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bob Hobkirk caught up with a subject who had fled from him and left a large amount of trash on Port Crescent State Park property after a large drinking party on the Pinnebog River bank. The subject was ticketed for littering as well as using fireworks on State Park property.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a complaint of a suspect who had shot a four point buck in velvet. During the initial interview the suspect advised that he came across the deer which was hit by a car. He further stated that he shot it to keep it from suffering. The suspect advised that he left the deer at the scene and never took possession of it. A few days later CO Josh Wright was in Bay County and located a head of a four point buck in velvet with a small 22 cal. hole in the forehead. The head was dumped on a dead-end road close to the suspect's residence. CO Gowenlock again made contact with the suspect, who now admitted shooting the deer and removing the head. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Hot Boat Party event on the Muskegon River, CO Larn R. Strawn observed a man operating a PWC at a high rate of speed a mere 10 feet from anchored vessels and swimmers in the river. The CO stopped the operator and issued him a ticket for the violation.

CO Jay Person is seeking a warrant for a subject after being called to assist DNR fire officers on a parcel of State Land in Midland County. Fire officers were removing a gate and fence that was placed on state land to block public access. The private property owner who put up the fence showed up on scene, in a vehicle, coming from the state land side. Warrants for operating a vehicle in a closed area, possessing a loaded handgun in a motor vehicle and placing an illegal fence on state land are being sought.

CO Jeremy Payne located an illegal camp on state land in Isabella County. The family, including a six year old, was homeless and living in a pop-up camper, and had no camp card. The CO advised them of their violation and contacted the Department of Human Services.

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Dan Lee were checking the area around the Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA) for goose hunters when they observed a group of hunters in a field. The COs contacted the hunters in the field and found the hunters missing the required federal waterfowl stamp. Tickets were issued.

CO Joel Lundberg stopped a vehicle at 2:00 a.m. on state land driving in a reckless manner. Upon contact with the driver, it was found that both the driver and passenger had open containers of alcohol in the vehicle. A ticket was issued. The following weekend, on the same two-track, at 2:00 a.m. CO Lundberg stopped an ORV for driving where prohibited and driving carelessly. The two occupants on the ORV were the same two people CO Lundberg stopped at the same spot last week. Again, both individuals had open beer on the ORV. Tickets were again issued.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly took a RAP complaint of a suspect shooting a great horned owl. The complaint was generated from Facebook, where the suspect posed," the strangest thing just happened. An owl just flew over my chicken coop and just fell out of the ski dead. I also noticed something else strange. It had a hole in its neck." The Sgt. contacted the suspect, who admitted to shooting the owl. A ticket for shooting the owl was issued.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chris Simpson made several contacts along the lower Muskegon River access site while conducting marine and fish enforcement patrols. In two separate incidents, four persons were ticketed for use of marijuana as CO Simpson contacted users of these public access sites. While working another access site along the river, a subject with no helmet arrived on an ORV, no ORV license and had traveled county roads to arrive at this destination. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer contacted a number of goose hunters over the weekend and found most to be completely in compliance. He did, however, locate one subject who was not licensed for hunting geese. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike McGee was on patrol when he observed an ORV being driven on the roadway. The vehicle contained two occupants on the vehicle, while only being designed for one, and nether subject was wearing a helmet. Numerous warnings were issued along with a ticket for the helmet violation.

CO Patrick McManus patrolled a closed section of Swan Creek in Allegan County in response to a report received of a subject taking fish illegally with a hatchet. As luck would have it, CO McManus located a subject matching the description along the closed stream with a spear in his possession the next day. Contact was made and a confession was obtained on the previous day's activity and enforcement action was taken for the illegal gear.

CO Mike Mshar responded to a safety zone complaint received of subjects hunting waterfowl too close to a residence and horse barn. Contact was made with two hunters who claimed they were outside of the required 150 yard safety zone. CO Mshar measured their distance, and found them to be within the safety zone. The hunters didn't believe CO Mshar was correct and so were allowed to measure it themselves with their equipment, which showed the same illegal distance. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Derek Miler patrolled Belleville Lake on a night shift and made numerous contacts. One subject was fishing near the launch and when CO Miller checked his license, said he was going to release the ones he caught. He stated they were over by his friend who wasn't fishing. When CO Miller walked toward him, he set down a pole and said he was reeling it in for his friend. A license check revealed that the subject did not have a license. A basket of fish was found tied off to the trees and both anglers stated that they never keep fish, but that they just took pictures. Six bass were found in the basket; four were undersized and two of them were dead. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Derek Miller and Mike Drexler approached the dam on Belleville Lake and observed a subject standing on the dam in front of a large sign that stated "No Trespassing, Keep Off". His friend was in a boat, tied off to the dam, wading and both were fishing. One subject advised he knew he was not supposed to be there. The COs also found the vessel did not have any PFDs on board. CO Miller pointed out that they were slowly taking on water, and that if they were caught in the swift water of the dam, they would be in trouble, especially without life jackets. Tickets were issued for the trespass and no PFDs.

CO Derek Miller was working back roads and state land and observed two dirt bikes pull up to an intersection, one subject was not wearing a helmet. The bikes turned around in the road and sped off at a high rate of speed. CO Miller was able to catch up to them and make a traffic stop. Neither had ORV licenses, one had no helmet, one had no eye protection, they had been on state land where they were not supposed to be, and they were operating on the roadway in a careless manner. Enforcement action was taken and the bikes were walked home.

CO Kyle Bader was working in Branch County but monitoring Hillsdale dispatch when he heard a MSP trooper get dispatched to a goose hunting complaint in Hillsdale County. CO Bader responded with the trooper and the two located the venue, but no subjects. The trooper went off duty and CO Bader continued digging, eventually locating the subject's residence. Upon contact with the subject, it was determined that he had shot four geese without a state or federal stamp. When the CO asked to see the geese, the subject took him to the brush pile the geese were hidden under. The subject said he was planning on lying about taking any geese when the CO showed up, but he thought better of it. A ticket was issued.

CO Jason Smith was patrolling the Huron River when he checked an angler who did not have a license. CO Smith also discovered that he had five warrants for his arrest, including one for assaulting a police officer. The angler was ticketed and lodged in the county jail.

CO Al Mendez was patrolling state land and found a 22 year old female living in a tent. She told the CO that she was pregnant, homeless, and had no food and had been left there by her boyfriend. CO Mendez contacted a local church and took her there for

assistance. She was provided a place to stay, a balanced meal, and lots of assistance from the ladies of the church.

CO Todd Thorn was on a late night foot patrol checking fishing activity on the Grand River in Lansing. He heard some excited shouting and watched from binoculars as two men reeled in a large catfish. CO Thorn then watched the men for another 10 minutes as they both continued fishing. The men were then contacted and one of them stated that he was not fishing, just watching. The man produced an out of state license and then changed his story after he was told that he had been watched for the last fifteen minutes. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

COs Ben Lasher, Kris Kiel, and Mike Drexler conducted a night marine patrol on the St. Clair River targeting marine OUIL enforcement. Several vessels were stopped for various marine violations. Sobriety tests were conducted on two different vessel operators suspected of boating under the influence. Fortunately for the boat operators PBT results were below levels, but enforcement action was taken for non-working navigation lights, expired vessel registrations, and failure to transfer ownership/title and registration.

CO Mark Ennett was traveling on a section of I-75 when a car in front of him made a quick lane change and promptly struck a stopped semi-truck/trailer at a high rate of speed. The car did a 180 degree spin and burst into flames. A trucker managed to put out the fire and the driver of the car staggered out on his own. A child and an adult passenger were removed from the car through the window. CO Ennett provided first aid and held down the accident scene until other emergency units arrived. All three victims suffered a series of head, face, and chest injuries, but nothing was considered life-threatening.

While CO Dan Walzak was working a joint marine patrol with local authorities, a vessel displaying only its anchor light after dark was observed travelling at high speed across the water toward a slow, no-wake area around Grosse Ile. The vessel entered the no-wake area and passed straight through without slowing down, continuing at high speed to the entrance to Ford Yacht Club at the south end of Grosse Ile. Contact was made with the vessel just inside the entrance to the yacht club and the operator was questioned about his lack of running lights. The operator stated that he did not realize that his running lights were not on. Conducting a check for safety equipment the operator seemed confused and took an inordinate amount of time locating the equipment that the officers requested. Although the odor of alcohol was not readily detected, the operator exhibited other signs of intoxication. Failing field sobriety tests, the operator was offered a preliminary breath test and the PBT registered .13. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

Patrolling the Pointe Mouillee SGA, CO Dan Walzak contacted two subjects, a male and a female, fishing from the dike of a refuge which was closed to traffic. The CO observed four lines in the water and asked the two anglers for their licenses. The male subject pulled his license from his wallet and advised CO Walzak that the female was his sister, that she did not have a license and that he had just asked her to fish with one of his lines. A look came over his sister's face that indicated that the last part was news to her. After explaining to the male subject that either he was fishing with too many lines or she was fishing without a license and would receive a ticket, the man admitted to using all four lines. Verbal warnings were given for being in the refuge and enforcement action was taken for the fishing violation. A check through LEIN revealed that the female subject also had two outstanding traffic warrants.

While on a marine patrol of Belleville Lake, COs Mike Drexler and Derek Miller observed several subjects fishing along the shore. As the COs approached to check the anglers two subjects quickly packed up their fishing gear and started heading to their car. The COs were able to catch up to the pair, who stated they were going to try a new spot. One subject stated he did not have a fishing license while the other stated that his "old lady was supposed to buy it for him." That subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2008. Both subjects received a ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Brandon Kieft assisted local deputies on a complaint of goose hunting at a local golf course. The original complaint stated that the subjects were shooting within the safety zone of residences. When deputies arrived on scene, the subjects were no longer shooting. However, CO Kieft checked the hunter's firearms and licenses, and issued two tickets for waterfowl hunting without the appropriate licenses.

CO Ben Shively responded to assist MSP with a recreational trespass complaint on a central Oakland county lake. Troopers had been called reference a residence that had been served with papers not to trespass across the complainant's property to access the lake and not to store their boats on the property. Troopers made contact with four subjects who had been fishing as they came into shore in two small boats. CO Shively arrived and checked the subjects for fishing licenses. Two of the four subjects did not have a fishing license and both boats with motors were unregistered. Troopers ticketed the four subjects for recreational trespass and CO Shively issued two tickets for fishing without a license and a ticket for unregistered watercraft.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of three subjects keeping fish on a "catch and release only" lake. CO Shively located the subjects' vehicle in the parking lot and contacted them just as they were packing up to leave. The three subjects were in possession of 20 panfish and two bullhead on a stringer. CO Shively pointed out the sign stating catch and release only right next to the subjects and the two other signs they passed from the parking lot down to the fishing piers. The subjects were taken to the parking lot and ticketed.

While checking shore anglers in Marysville in the late evening hours, CO Ken Kovach contacted an angler who had three fish in his possession. The three fish included a

rock bass, a freshwater drum, and an undersized smallmouth bass. When addressing the law violation, CO Kovach learned from dispatch that the subject also had a felony warrant for his arrest out of the State of Florida. Enforcement action was taken.